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### Idaho Milk Production Down 1.4 Percent

Idaho milk production during October 2009 totaled 1.02 billion pounds, a 1.4 percent decrease from the same month last year, but 1.1 percent up from September 2009, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. September 2009 milk production was 1.01 billion pounds, down 2 million pounds from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow in October 2009 was 1,870 pounds, unchanged from October 2008. The average number of milk cows during October was 546,000 head, unchanged from September 2009 revised estimate, but down 8,000 head from October 2008.

Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 14.3 billion pounds, down 1.1 percent from October 2008. September revised production at 14.0 billion pounds, was down 0.5 percent from September 2008. The September revision represented an increase of 16 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,721 pounds for October, 21 pounds above October 2008. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.32 million head, 196,000 head less than October 2008, and 22,000 head less than September 2009.

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